

DETAILED ACTION

1. In response to the previous office action, claims 9, 10, 35, and 36 have been cancelled. By an Examiner's Amendment, claim 18 is amended and claim 19 is cancelled. Claims 1-8, 12-16, and 18 have been examined.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-8, 12-16, and 18 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The previously cited prior art has been overcome by Applicant's arguments filed 11 April 2008. No further art could be found that would render the claims unpatentable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments, see Remarks, filed 11 April 2008, with respect to the rejections of the claims have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejections of the claims have been withdrawn.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Matthew Heneghan, whose telephone number is (571) 272-3834. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM Eastern Time.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kristine Kincaid, can be reached at (571) 272-4063.

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/Matthew Heneghan/

Primary Patent Examiner, USPTO AU 2139

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney on Eric Barr on 8 May 2008.

Claim 18 is amended as follows:

18. A method for copy control in processing an audio/video (AV) stream, the method comprising:

extracting copy control information from a content information field of the AV stream;

determining whether the control information has been modified; and

processing the AV stream based on the determination, wherein the determining comprises determining whether the copy control information of the content information field has been modified when compared to copy control information of a content field of the AV stream, to prevent an unauthorized processing of the AV stream.

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Claim 19 is cancelled.

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